

# *At Your Leisure*

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## **Resident of the Month**



Mr. Lee Rodgers was born in Washington State on November 22, 1920. He spent the first few years in an orphanage and was adopted by an elderly couple when he was four years old. His adopted parents couldn't have children, or so they thought, and were surprised when Betty Ann was born. There was a six year difference between them and Lee called his sister, "tag-a-long" since she wanted to go everywhere he went.

The Rodgers family lived on a five acre "stump" ranch in Washington State during the depression. His family sold trees for income, leaving the stumps. For food, they raised vegetables, tended their goats for milk, and had plenty of chickens. They lived off the land.

Lee was very athletic in high school. He played all types of sports and claimed he was also a good boxer. He won a scholarship to Washington State College, but decided to join the Army. He wanted stability and chose the service over pursuing college. His love of sports continued during his service years. He officiated sports between wars while stationed in England, Germany and different states in the US. He was married to Beverley for 25 years and has two children, Carley, and Dennis, "Skip" Rodgers. He was remarried to Julie for 20 years.

Lee was stationed at Fort Lewis in Tacoma Washington for one year with the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He was subsequently transferred to the 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. He was involved in the Pacific campaign where he fought in New Guinea, and in Batan, Philippines. His unit was ready to deploy to Japan when the Atomic bomb was dropped. He was stationed in Japan for six months following the end of WWII. He said that mainland Japan had been heavily fortified and that if the fight had come there, more casualties would have occurred without the bomb.

He reached the rank of Master Sergeant in the Army and when he joined the Air force, he achieved the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. He received two Purple Hearts, a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and other medals that his son has meticulously displayed for him. He spent 32 years in the military and fought in three wars, WWII, Korean, and Vietnam. He was a career military man serving his country from 1939-1972 before retiring in Chandler, Arizona.

He has wonderful stories and information for all who would like to hear. If you see him about, please extend congratulations to Lee for being Arizona State Veteran Home's Resident of the Month for April 2010.

Article by Pamela Minunni



## Family Council

Please join the families of the ASVH at the monthly Family Council Meeting that occurs every third Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Training Center. This is a time for the families of the ASVH to come together and try and resolve issues, express concerns, share ideas on how to improve the lives of our veterans, as well as be a support system for each other.

We welcome you to participate and help define the Family Council. The next meeting will be Saturday April 17, 2010.

If you would like more information about the Family Council or you are a family member who is not receiving the Family Council letter please give us a call at 602-248-1550 and we would be more than happy to assist you.

Thank you,  
Family Council



## Residents Birthdays

Elden W Staley	04/01	Lawrence B Smith	04/15
David D Oakey	04/02	Gerald E Brazil	04/17
Bette Lambright	04/06	Larry R Fuller	04/19
George W Winget	04/07	William H Cottrell Jr	04/21
Opal F Thompson	04/07	Clarence J Blake	04/22
Joseph C Sermenio	04/11	LaDonna G Ratliff	04/23
Remo A Cicciarelli	04/11	Leslie Epperson	04/25
Clyde G Cralley	04/14	Robert L Chalmers	04/28
Theresa R Lavoie	04/15	Forrest H Anderson	04/30



## Military Discounts

Are you a veteran looking for a reduced to free entertainment? Go to Vettix.org, It has tickets to almost any venue in the Valley, from plays, baseball games and musicals.

Lowe's Companies Inc. announced that it is expanding its support of the military by offering a 10 percent discount any time to all active, reserve, retired or disabled veterans and their family members, with a valid government issued military ID card. All other military veterans (non-disabled) will receive 10 percent discount on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day weekends. The discount is available on in-stock and special-order purchases up to \$5,000.00. Lowe's also has offered employment to military personnel after they are discharged.

## Therapeutic Programs Spotlight

By Leslie Goin

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. I hope all of our Volunteers know how much they are appreciated each and every day! I believe it is the volunteers that set this home apart from the typical nursing home. We receive over 1,000 hours of volunteer service monthly. It never ceases to amaze me at the generosity, kindness and genuine concern that our volunteers show to the Veterans who reside at the Arizona State Veteran Home.

All of us here, Veterans, Staff and Family Members alike, thank all of our Volunteers for their gifts that they so freely share with ASVH. It is such a privilege to work with America's Heroes and to offer programs that truly impact their quality of life. Our dynamic department of 4 staff could never offer the incredible activities that occur at this home without each and every volunteer. So to each of you, I send my gratitude and sincere appreciation.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ON-GOING ACTIVITIES:

Monday Morning Activities:	9:30am – 12:00pm
Wednesday and Friday Afternoon Card Games:	2:15pm – 3:15pm
Thursday Bingo:	2:00pm – 3:15pm
Friday Morning Activities:	10:30am – 12:00pm
Sunday Bingo:	2:00pm – 3:15pm
Park Walks:	Any day – early mornings
Fishing buddies –	be matched with a Veteran and assist them to fish in the park

Please check out our calendar of events on our web site [www.azdvs.gov](http://www.azdvs.gov) Volunteers are welcome at any of our activities.

Our next **Volunteer Orientation** will be April 24, 2010 at 10:00am. If you would like to attend this orientation please contact Volunteer Coordinator Candy Covarrubiaz at 602-351-6879 or by e-mail at [ccovarrubiaz@azdvs.gov](mailto:ccovarrubiaz@azdvs.gov).

## Volunteer Recognition Social

It is with great pleasure that we are inviting all of our volunteers to join us on Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 2:15pm to celebrate and give thanks to all of our Volunteers. We will be having an ice cream social and also celebrate our monthly residents birthday party. We are very grateful to our volunteers for all of the hours they put in. In the month of March our volunteer put in a combined total of 1,081.50 hours. Thank you all for making a difference and lend a helping hand in our home!



# Marshall Trimble

## Arizona's Official State Historian



MARSHALL IS ONE OF THE MOST SOUGHT AFTER  
ENTERTAINERS, JUST LISTEN TO SOME OF HIS SONGS AND  
STORY TELLING!

APPEARING AT  
THE ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME  
**"TRIMBLE'S TALES"**

FRIDAY APRIL 30, 2010 AT 10:30 A.M.

## Donations



### DONATIONS NEEDED:

Thank you for your interest in making a donation to the Arizona State Veteran Home. Donations may be brought directly to the home at 4141 N. S. Herrera Way, Phoenix, AZ 85012. Checks may be made payable to: Veterans Donation Fund, and mailed to the home, attention: Candy Covarrubiaz. For further information you may contact Candy at 602-351-6879.

The Arizona State Veteran Home has a need for the following items:

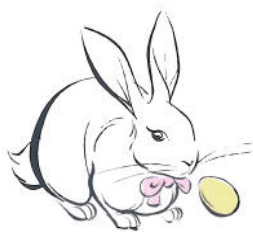
- Soda Pop (variety of flavors, regular and sugar free)
- Movie DVD's
- Ambient DVD's from [www.Vat19.com](http://www.Vat19.com) (or similar suppliers)
- CD music from the 1940's, 50's, 60's and 70's.
- Bingo coupons to our gift shop. Help us provide bingo coupons to the residents. Each coupon costs 25 cents and we typically hand out \$40.00 worth of coupons per game. You may make a donation to the Arizona State Veteran Home and earmark the donation to be used for the bingo fund.
- Chocolate Candy Bars.
- Organizations to host a meal at our facility for one hallway of residents (25 Veterans) or a unit (50 Veterans). Your group could either bring in a meal cooked at your post or order in from a fast food restaurant.
- Black Fuzzy Coloring Posters.
- Donations for an Employee Appreciation Program. Our hands are tied because we can not use State Funds to recognize employees who do a great job for our Veterans. We would like to be able to recognize them in simple ways but lack the funding. We believe our Veterans benefit by recognizing the staff that provide great care to our Veterans.
- Electric Razors.

### WE NO LONGER ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Books and Magazines.
- Used Clothing.
- Medical Equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, etc).
- Hygiene Products (shampoos, soap, toothpaste etc.).
- If you have this type of equipment to donate we suggest you contact Art Sloane 480-802-6810 in order to donate to the Stand Down for homeless Veterans.







# April



**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

				<b>1</b> <b>9am</b> Mid Week Services <b>11am</b> Rosary LH <b>2:15pm</b> Blue Bingo <b>6:30pm</b> Late Night Poker and Games	<b>2</b> <b>10:45am</b> Candi Smith in Concert <b>2:15pm</b> Game Shows <b>7pm</b> Movie and Popcorn 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	<b>3</b> <b>10am</b> Blue Bingo 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor <b>11am</b> Pet Visits <b>2:15pm</b> Music Discussion Group 1 <sup>st</sup> floor Dining Room
<b>4</b> <b>8:30am</b> Sensory Nurses Station <b>10am</b> Easter Sunday Coffee House 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor <b>11am</b> Catholic Mass VA <b>11am</b> Protestant Services 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor <b>2:15 pm</b> Blue Bingo <b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>5</b> <b>8:30am</b> Sensory Nurses Station <b>10:00am</b> Coffee House <b>11:30am</b> Rec Tx 1:1's <b>2:15pm</b> Sun City Elks Bingo <b>6:15pm</b> Wii Bowling LH	<b>6</b> <b>11:15</b> Motor Games <b>1:30pm</b> Rec. Tx 's 1:1's <b>3:30pm</b> Liars Club (Game Show w/Prizes) <b>5:15pm</b> Recreation's performance of Love	<b>7</b> <b>11:15am</b> Neighborhood Council <b>2:15pm</b> Happy Hour <b>3:30pm</b> Book Club-Honey Well Library <b>5pm</b> Current Events	<b>8</b> <b>8:30am</b> Sensory Nurses Station <b>9am</b> Mid-Week Services <b>11am</b> Rosary LH <b>2:15pm</b> Blue Bingo <b>6:30pm</b> Poker Game LH DVD Mobile Cart	<b>9</b> <b>11:30am</b> Todd Hagen in Concert D-1 <b>2:15pm</b> Game Shows <b>7pm</b> Movie and Popcorn D-1	<b>10</b> <b>10am</b> Blue Bingo <b>12:20pm</b> VFW Cooties 9&10 Steak BBQ Served in Dining Rooms NASCAR Outing with Sun City Elks (must be signed up in advance)
<b>11</b> <b>8:30am</b> Sensory Nurses Station <b>11am</b> Catholic Mass LH <b>11am</b> Protestant Services D-1 <b>2:15pm</b> Blue Bingo <b>3pm</b> LDS Services Training Center	<b>12</b> <b>8:30am</b> Sensory Nurses Station <b>10am</b> Sing-A-Long with Am. Legion post 44 <b>2:15pm</b> Phoenix Elks Bingo <b>6:15pm</b> Bowling LH	<b>13</b> <b>8:30am</b> Apache Junction Outing (sign up in advance) <b>3:30pm</b> Liars Club(Game show w/ prizes) <b>5pm</b> Social DVD Mobile Cart	<b>14</b> <b>11:15am</b> Cooking group <b>2pm</b> Food Committee LH <b>3:30pm</b> Book Club Honeywell Library	<b>15</b> <b>8:30am</b> Sensory Nurses Stations <b>9am</b> mid-week Services <b>11am</b> Rosary LH <b>2:15pm</b> Blue Bingo DVD Mobile Cart	<b>16</b> <b>10:45am</b> Ken Walker in Concert <b>2:15pm</b> Game Show <b>7pm</b> Movie and Popcorn D-1	<b>17</b> <b>10am</b> Blue Bingo <b>11am</b> Pet Visits <b>2:15pm</b> Sing-A-Long
<b>18</b> <b>8:30am</b> Sensory Nurses Station <b>11am</b> Catholic Mass LH <b>11am</b> Protestant Services D-1 <b>2:15pm</b> Blue Bingo <b>3pm</b> LDS Services Training Center	<b>19</b> <b>8:30am</b> Sensory Nurses Station <b>10am</b> Coffee House <b>2:15pm</b> Ice Cream Social & Leon Littleton <b>7pm</b> Am. Legion Bingo LH	<b>20</b> <b>11:15am</b> Motor Games <b>1:30pm</b> Rec. Tx 1:1's <b>3:30pm</b> Liar's Club(Game show with prizes) <b>5pm</b> Social DVD Mobile Cart	<b>21</b> <b>11:15am</b> Cooking Group <b>2:15pm</b> Happy Hour <b>3:30pm</b> Book Club <b>5pm</b> Current Events	<b>22</b> <b>8:30am</b> Sensory Nurses Station <b>9am</b> Mid-Week Services <b>11am</b> Rosary LH <b>2:15pm</b> Blue Bingo DVD Mobile Cart	<b>23</b> <b>10:45am</b> John Smith in Concert <b>2:15pm</b> Games Shows <b>4pm</b> Fish Fry American Legion Earl Mitchell Post 29 (must be signed up)	<b>24</b> <b>10am</b> Blue Bingo <b>11am</b> Pet Visits <b>2:15pm</b> Trivia Challenge
<b>25</b> <b>8:30am</b> Sensory Nurses Station <b>11am</b> Catholic Mass LH <b>11am</b> Protestant Services D-1 <b>2:15pm</b> Blue Bingo <b>3pm</b> LDS Services Training Center <b>Leslie Epperson 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday</b>	<b>26</b> <b>8:30am</b> Sensory Nurses Station <b>10am</b> Phoenix Art Museum Slide Show LH <b>11:30am</b> Rec. Tx 1:1's <b>2:15pm</b> Phoenix Elks Bingo <b>6:15pm</b> Wii Bowling	<b>27</b> <b>11am</b> Quarterly Memorial Service <b>1:30pm</b> Rec. Tx 1:1's <b>3:30pm</b> Liars Club (Game show with prizes) <b>5pm</b> Social DVD Mobile Cart	<b>28</b> <b>11:15am</b> Cooking Group <b>2:15pm</b> Monthly Birthday Party & Volunteer Recognition Social <b>3:30pm</b> Book Club Honeywell Library <b>5pm</b> Current Events	<b>29</b> <b>8:30am</b> Sensory Nurses Station <b>9am</b> Mid-Week Services <b>9:30am -12pm</b> Rec. Tx 1:1's <b>11am</b> Rosary LH <b>2:15pm</b> Blue Bingo DVD Mobile Cart	<b>30</b> <b>10:45am</b> Trimble's Tales by Marshall Trimble 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Dining Room <b>2:15pm</b> Game Shows <b>7pm</b> Movie and Popcorn D-1	

## Puzzle

April Fools  
April Showers  
Basket  
Bunny  
Candy  
Celebration  
Chocolate  
Easter  
Eggs  
Flowers  
Rabbit  
Spring

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## Arizona State Veteran Home - Tucson

On March 19, 2010, groundbreaking ceremonies took place for the Arizona State Veteran Home-Tucson and construction was started. The Home will house 120 beds and is estimated to open in September 2011. This home will provide skilled nursing for veterans and their wives, as well as create approximately 140 jobs in Tucson.





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